

(b) if so, the details of the offer made on the subject to different aspiring partners; and

(c) the details of the pros and cons of the partnership with different aspirants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Disinvestment in Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. has been approved 'in principle' by the Government. No decision, however, in respect of the percentage of equity to be disinvested has been taken so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Views of Ministry of Surface Transport over disinvestment of SCI

2984. **SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:** Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the views of the Ministry of Surface Transport for disinvestment in the Shipping Corporation of India; and

(b) the decision taken in this regard keeping in view the fact that SCI earned Rs. 180 crores project last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) After taking account of the views of all concerned departments, so far disinvestment in Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. has been approved 'in principle' by the Government. Before a final decision on disinvestment in SCI is taken, the views of all the concerned departments/ministries would be obtained and considered through inter ministerial consultations at various levels. Amendments and improvements, if any, suggested by such departments/ministries would be considered while arriving at the final decision. The financial performance of the company is also duly considered while taking such decisions.

PSUs running in profit or loss

†2985. **SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertakings in the public sector at present in the country and the number of those PSUs which are running in profit or loss, separately;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.